

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 8.

The first flat portions 25 are formed with a horizontal span S3 and the second flat portions 26 are formed with a horizontal span S4 equal to or slightly larger than the span S4<sub>3</sub>. The span S3 refers to the span of the portions at which the circular holes 16 are formed.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the original Abstract below with a new Abstract on a separate sheet.

~~An apparatus comprises a vehicle body side bracket 4 having a vehicle body mount portion 4c to be mounted on a vehicle body and paired left and right opposed flat plate portions 4a, 4b, a steering column 2 having an expanded portion 13, formed by expanding a portion of a tubular material, that is to be in pressure contact with the pair of opposed flat plate portions 4a, 4b of the vehicle body side bracket;~~  
~~a shaft 5 inserted through the pair of opposed flat plate portions 4a, 4b and the expanded portion 13 and~~

~~adapted to adjust the distance between the pair of  
opposed flat plate portions 4a, 4b as an operation lever 8  
is rotated. The steering column 2 has a portion that is  
present in an area extending from the shaft 5 up to at  
least the vehicle body mount portion 4c and has a width  
substantially equal to the width of a penetrated portion  
of the expanded portion 13 at which the shaft 5 is  
inserted through.~~